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1. Prior to 18 December 1952, the Bismarck Kaserne in Naumburg was occupied by a tank unit of an estimated 800 to 1,000 soldiers. On 14 December, about 100 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. Trucks were observed leaving the installation and driving to the Heereszeugamt.

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2. instruction courses for officers, NCOs and EM were continually held in the Hindenburg Kaserne. About noon on 12 December, sedan occupied by a lieutenant colonel left the installation. A group of 12 to 15 officers was in the barracks yard. A guard wearing black-bordered black epaulets withouth insignia was in the guard room. At 4 p.m. on 15 December, truck loaded with suitcases and truck occupied by about 30 NCOs and EM of various branches of service left the installation toward the railroad station and were followed by 28 NCOs and EM of various branches of service who were led by a captain with engineer insignia. At 11 a.m. on 18 December, 12 soldiers including 3 wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 5 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 wearing light-blue-bordered black epaulets and 2 wearing black-bordered black epaulets all without insignia and equipped with rifles, submachine guns, gas masks and spades were observed entering the installation led by a senior lieutenant with engineer insignia.

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3. Prior to 18 December, the Barbara Kaserne was occupied by a signal unit of about 400 soldiers. It was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 16 December, radio truck was in front of the headquarters building.

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4. From 13 to 16 December, the Bismarck Kaserne was occupied to capacity by an estimated 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. At 2:30 p.m. on 13 December, about 15 soldiers each received training on four 76.2-mm AA guns. About 120 soldiers organized into three groups were lined up in front of a barracks building. All the windows of the installation were lighted at night. On 14 December, about 200 soldiers were seen entering the installation. On 16 December, a total of 80 soldiers organized into two groups received formation drill. Two canvas-covered AA guns were

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in the barracks yard. Two officers and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and submachine guns were seen entering the installation.

5. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 250 soldiers, about 80 percent wearing red-bordered black epaulets, the others black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 2 a.m. on 13 December, truck [ ] occupied by about 30 officers most of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered crimson epaulets was seen entering the installation. The truck came from the direction of the town. About 30 officers were in the barracks yard. Trucks [ ] were seen driving to the installation.
6. The Barbara Kaserne was occupied apparently to capacity by an estimated 600 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 14 December, 120 to 150 soldiers were observed filling straw mattresses and cleaning bedsteads. About 50 other soldiers were engaged in a clothing inspection. In the afternoon of 16 December, about 50 soldiers received formation drill. About 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia laid a telephone line between the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Barbara Kaserne.
7. On 23 December, 30 factory new [ ] trucks were detained at the east railroad station and sent to the Hindenburg Kaserne where they were parked in the rear yard. Prior to 5 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was still occupied by 600 soldiers who wore crimson epaulets. On various days, groups each of 10 to 12 soldiers, apparently recruits, were observed drilling.
8. On 30 December, four units each consisting of 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red epaulets and carrying steel helmets, gas masks, field packs, blankets and submachine guns and each equipped with several light machine guns, 2 heavy machine guns, 2 antitank rifles and including 15 soldiers with entrenching tools entered the Bluecher Kaserne. The units came from the main railroad station. [ ] they were trained soldiers. [ ] they had not come from an exercise because their equipment was new and was clean. On the same day, trucks C 7-66-10, C 7-66-11, C 7-66-12 and C 7-66-18 hauled billeting equipment from the Bluecher Kaserne to the Bismarck Kaserne. Sedan [ ] and trucks [ ] were seen driving to the installation.
9. During the time of observation, [ ] instruction rooms with black-boards and telephone equipment on the first floor of the building next to the guard house of the Barbara Kaserne. Small groups carrying telephone equipment were repeatedly observed leaving the installation for practices at the Saale meadows. Motor vehicles [ ] and [ ] were seen driving to the installation. Sedan [ ] and truck [ ] were seen driving to the Hubertus Kaserne which was barred to view. A district komendatura was established at No 2 Hoch Strasse. The Schwarze Ross hotel was still occupied. The Soviets refused to occupy houses which had been vacated by civilians.<sup>2</sup>

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1.  Comment. The report vaguely confirms the 498th AA Regt (US) in the Bismarck Kaserne and the 27th Gds Sig Bn in the Barbara Kaserne; these two units are directly assigned to the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. There is no confirmatory information on the occupation carried in the other barracks installations in Naumburg or any indications that any major changes occurred.

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2.  Comment. The district komendatura on Hoch Strasse is reported for the first time. Only a local komendatura on Jakobs Weg had previously been reported in Naumburg. The Schwarzes Ross hotel previously served as officers billets and was partially used as a depot.

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